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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have again been made aware of some well-being / safety concerns for our pupils relating to online gaming, in this particular case relating to the game 'Fortnite'. We appreciate that many, if not all of our pupils will be involved in some kind of 'online life' and that this brings with it many benefits and educational opportunities. However, we are also all too aware that on occasion it can present some negative issues. In this particular instance, the events of concern relate to our pupils using the game to communicate directly with other players, who they may or may not actually know. These conversations then perhaps became inappropriate and left the pupils feeling uncomfortable and concerned. We should perhaps also draw your attention to the fact that 'Fortnite' is rated as a '12+' game and as such is deemed to be inappropriate for pupils of primary school age.

In response to this we will hold further classroom sessions raising the issue of 'staying safe online' and will continue to do similar sessions throughout the year.

We appreciate the changing nature of online activity can mean it is difficult for us all to stay abreast of what our children may be accessing and would recommend the www.net-aware.org.uk website as a way to do this. The NSPCC also produce useful resources relating to this issue which can be found here

– <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

Please never hesitate to speak to anyone in school if you have issues or concerns relating to your child's online activity or feel there are issues we should be made aware of.

Yours Sincerely,

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